



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

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Hello and welcome to a festive edition of our newsletter. I hope you have all enjoyed the start of the season with us! In this edition, we have a rundown of our festive sessions – including information on charity collection, our 2026 court times, some more development coaching, and all the usual other updates. I hope you find it an interesting read, and as always, please get in touch if you have anything you would like to share.

FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

We have a wide range of session options available over the festive period. At all of these sessions, we will have a **charity collection tin for St Catherine's Hospice**, so please bring any loose change you may have. We also encourage all members to **wear something festive** (Christmas jumper, Santa Hat, Tinsel, etc) and spread some festive cheer. We might even have some Christmas music playing!

Monday 22nd December

Keenagers – 9:30-11:30 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Club Night – 19:30-21:30 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Tuesday 23rd December

Daytime – 9:30-12:00 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Extra Club Session – 19:30-22:00 – Courts 1, 2, & 3

Wednesday 24th December

Extra Club Session – 10:00-13:00 – Courts 4, & 5

Monday 29th December

Keenagers – 9:30-11:30 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Club Night – 19:30-21:30 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Tuesday 30th December

Daytime – 9:30-12:00 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Wednesday 31st December

Extra Club Session – 10:00-13:00 – Courts 4, & 5

Friday 2nd January

Keenagers – 12:00-13:30 – Courts 1, & 6

Please remember your membership entitles you to attend all sessions, so feel free to work off those mince pies any time that suits you 😊

VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are entitled to up to 3 visits at £10 per session before deciding to join.

If you wish to bring a visitor to one of our sessions, please make sure you contact David Jolliffe to ensure there is capacity, or ask them to contact the club via our website – Do not give out David's personal phone number!

Visiting friends and family are welcome over the festive period provided they still meet our minimum standard and pay £10 per session!

WELCOMES

We would like to give a very warm welcome to the many members who have joined us since the start of the season!

To respect our member's privacy this section of the newsletter has been redacted for our website's copy.

If you are a current member then you will have received an unredacted copy to the email address we have on record.

2026 COURTS

We are pleased to confirm that for 2026 our court bookings are continuing as follows:

Club Nights

Mondays 19:30-21:30 on 4 courts (4th court alternating between 19:30-21:00 and 20:00-21:30)

Wednesdays 19:30-21:30 on 3 courts

Daytime

Tuesdays 9:30-12:00 on 3 courts

Thursdays 9:30-12:00 on 2-3 courts

Keenagers

Mondays 9:30-11:30 on 2-3 courts

Wednesdays 14:00-15:30 on 2 courts

Fridays 12:00-13:30 on 2 courts

As always, the committee reserves the right to alter all court bookings depending on attendance.

DEVELOPMENT COACHING

Having received some excellent feedback from our previous sessions, we are pleased to be running some further coaching sessions in 2026.

These will take place on **Saturday 31st January and Saturday 14th March, 14:00-16:30**, on courts 4 and 5.

These are open to players in our WW Men's, WW Ladies, MS Fusion Div 2, Worthing O60s, and Crawley Men's teams in the first instance, however please contact David Jolliffe if you would like to take part but aren't in one of these teams and we will see if you can be slotted in.

There are 12 spots per session.

Each session will look at match play, tactics, scenarios, etc to help improve our teams.

Due to the cost of shuttles, and no Sussex subsidy, it will be **£12.50 per person per session for this coaching**.

HELEN TAKES ON THE LONDON MARATHON!



One of our members, **Helen James**, is taking on the London Marathon in 2026. She is running in memory of her grandma and fundraising for the MS Society. Although the marathon isn't until next April, you can follow her training on her Instagram at [@helenslm4ms](https://www.instagram.com/helenslm4ms).

As a side challenge, she is currently attempting to run 5km every day in December!

If you would like to donate to her charity you can find her page at

www.justgiving.com/page/helenslm26



LOCAL LEAGUES

Here's a quick rundown of all our teams current placings, noting our opposition have often played a different number of matches to us, and some results haven't been pushed through.

Surrey Men's – W4 D0 L2 – 1st out of 7
Surrey Mixed – W2 D0 L0 – 5th out of 6
Crawley Men's – W1 D0 L2 – 2nd out of 6
Crawley Mixed – W2 D0 L1 – 1st out of 7
West Weald Men's – W0 D1 L0 – 3rd out of 4
West Weald Ladies – W1 D1 L1 – 2nd out of 4
West Weald Combi – W3 D1 L0 – 1st out of 6
Mid Sussex Fusion 1 – W0 D2 L0 – 1st out of 6
Mid Sussex Fusion 2 – W1 D1 L1 – 3rd out of 6
Brighton Men's – W2 D0 L0 – 2nd out of 5
Over 60s Combi – W0 D1 L0 – 4th out of 6

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

A new format for this section as we bring you the story of our HABC players across the country in the last quarter. If I have missed anything off then I do apologise, it is hard to keep track!

John Molyneux

30th English National Master Championship, Men's Doubles: 2x CHAMPION



John and partner collecting their gold medals for the 2nd year in a row

West of England Masters Silver, Men's Doubles: Winner

David Jolliffe and Helen James

Hampshire Tier 4, Mixed Doubles: Quarter Finals

Reading Tier 4, Mixed Doubles: Quarter Finals

Middlesex Tier 4, Mixed Doubles: Quarter Finals

A bit of a trend there...

David Jolliffe and Brannon Lee Chong

Reading Tier 4, Men's Doubles: Quarter Finals

Before Brannon got injured :(

Issy Noakes

Sussex Tier 4, Women's Doubles: Winner



Daniel Wanagaliya

Sussex Silver, Men's Singles: Quarter Final

Karen Thomas

Kent Masters Gold, Mixed Doubles: Semi-Final

Helen Milne

Sussex Senior Championships, Women's Doubles: CHAMPION

LOCAL LEAGUES STAT ATTACK

Some fun stats from the first part of the season:

As a club:

Points Won – 51%

Games Won – 55%

Rubbers Won – 57%

When a game goes to setting, we win it 65% of the time!

Best Individual (Min 10 games):

Points Won – 56%

Games Won – 78%

BADMINTON ENGLAND ACCOUNT ADMIN

We kindly ask that every member logs onto their Badminton England Just Go Membership Account and checks that all their details are correct.

In particular, please look at the list of clubs on the right-hand side of the screen and ensure that HABC is starred if we are your main club. Please also make sure you remove any clubs from this list that you are no longer a member of, to ensure that they can't see your personal details!

Please message that club inbox if you have any issues.

3 SERIES ROUNUP

It was great to see some of our members at the latest Sussex 3 Series event.

David and **Ian** did superbly well to come out of a tough box, and then win the semi-final, before falling short against a top Sussex pair 18-21 in the final.



Tim Thorp and **Alex Osborne** battled hard in their first tournament together. **James Arrol-Barker** and **Umar Zia** also played, with partners from other clubs.

In the mixed, **David** and **Helen** won 3 out of 4 games to take home another 2nd place, losing out to a tricky Sussex Masters pair.



OTHER NOTICES

This is just a quick reminder to please not use the fire doors to exit the hall. This has been mandated by The Bridge Management.

We would also like to thank members for their continued courteous use of shuttles. As a reminder, please only take a new shuttle when you feel it is necessary, and not at the start of every game.

You will have seen us trialling some new hybrid shuttles at some sessions. This will continue over the coming weeks. Please provide us with any feedback that you may have.